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CHICAGO AWAITS ARRIVAL OF 24th DIVISION VETERANS ASSOCIATION

Major General C. E. Byers will be our guest of Honor

Committee set to provide ample fun, entertainment and food for everyone, to say nothing of the interesting business sessions and showing of the 24th Division Film.

We have neither the time nor space to elaborate upon what you will see, do and hear at the Convention, and this paper must go to press, so the following information is going to be brief.

Major General C. E. Byers, Deputy C/S, G-1, Pentagon, Washington, D. C., will be our Guest-of-Honor and Speaker at Saturday night's banquet. We had looked forward to seeing General Irving, General Cramer, General Woodruff, Colonel Lawson and several others, but with the situation as it now stands in Korea, we are not certain whether these officers will be able to be present. We are hoping that they will be there, for the Convention would not be complete without them.

A brief resumé of the entire three day affair is as follows:

FRIDAY—

9:00 A. M.—balance of day—Registration.

Friday afternoon will be taken up with business meetings, informal discussions and get togethers.

Also, there will be radio broadcasts and television tickets available for the ladies and for members who are not attending business meetings. If possible, the Chicago Committee is going to have a fashion show for the ladies.

Friday night, the 24th Division Film will be shown. Colonel Lawson, our Historian, has been working on this many months and writes that he is certain that at least a 16mm film of the Division in action will be on hand. If possible, we are going to obtain news reels of the 24th now in action in Korea.

SATURDAY—

Saturday morning will be taken up with informal discussions and business meetings. By that time the nominating committee will be at work also.

There will be an informal luncheon for members and their wives (or girl friends) Saturday noon in the Boston Oyster House.

Saturday afternoon will be our big afternoon. At this time we will hold our annual business meeting and the election of officers. Before the election of the officers you boys will have a chance to make suggestions and discuss how we may better the Association. At this time we will vote on whether or not we should become full time members of the NACU.

During our business meeting the ladies will entertain themselves at the cocktail party somewhere in the vicinity of our Headquarters in the Morrison. More television and radio tickets will be available.

After the business meeting and ladies cocktail party we will try to find time to again show the Division film for those who do not see it on Friday.

All our meetings will be held and the movies will be shown in the Mural Room.

Saturday evening from 6:00 P. M. til—??? we will assemble in the Terrace Casino for our Memorial Service and banquet. Preceding and during the dinner, a twelve piece band will play Hawaiian music. This music and also our three color guards are furnished through the courtesy of the 5th Army. Lt. Colonel E. M. Postlethwait has volunteered his services of taking care of both the band and the color guards. Colonel A. S. Newman will be our Toast-master and will introduce General Byers. We can assure you that all the former 24th Division (brass) had planned to be there and will be present if at all possible. Colonel Cizon will be on hand early and any of the others who can possibly make it will be in attendance.

SUNDAY—

Sunday morning will be taken up with informal meetings and get togethers and perhaps various units of the 24th will hold unit meetings.

During the entire three days the Trophy Room will be open where you can reminisce and look over the various trophies and articles of interest. Colonel Verbeck's prized scrapbook, on which he has spent many, many hours will be on display. The Colonel

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Looking toward Lake Michigan from room No. 3212, Morrison Hotel.
(Only a small part of Chicago!)

DON'T FORGET 11, 12, 13 AUGUST 1950 - DON'T BE AWOL

At Home And Abroad

Just received a membership application from Merrill Phillip Graham, 912 N. 13th St., Elwood, Illinois. Thanks for your interest, Merrill, and we'll expect to see you in Chi in August. Send along your reservation to the Hotel and to Spike O'Donnell.

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Col. Bill Verbeck writes Henry from S.A., "Chicago doubtful but hope still exists".

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From Brady McVay, Smith River, Calif.: "If I am eligible for membership in the Assn. please let me know". This we did.

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Robert J. Duff Jr. arrives!—A son, Robert J. Duff Jr. was born to Louise J. and Robert J. Duff on 4 Mar. 50. Weighed in at 8 lb. 15½ oz. At present he is called "Bif".

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Letters of inquiry received recently from:

Alex A. Barry, 625 W. Blvd., Racine, Wis.

Joe Rutsky, 3535 W. 5th Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Creighton Bryson, 416 Spring St., Greensboro, N. C.

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A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Howitt, Rochester, N. Y.

Bring Your TROPHY(S) to the CONVENTION

Trophy Room will be Guarded

THE TARO LEAF

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BOSTON FIRST TO BID FOR 1951 REUNION


Neil W. Young, V. P. for New England Has Hopes for the 1951 Bean Bake.

The New England Chapter has really been at work the past year building up their membership and in turn increasing the membership of the 24th Association. Neil Young and Ed Henry both have been very active in the East. Several meetings have been held.

Their recent get-together at Ed Henry's home was a great success. It must have

been at that meeting that they decided to ask for the 1951 Convention to be held in Boston.

At any rate, the boys are working on the deal, for the following letter from Governor Paul A. Dever of Massachusetts speaks for itself:



PAUL A. DEVER
GOVERNOR

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

June 27, 1950

Mr. Robert J. Duff, Secretary
24th Infantry Division Veterans' Association
Box 447
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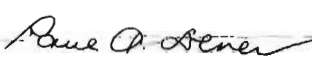
Dear Mr. Duff:

As Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I am happy to extend a cordial invitation to the 24th Infantry Division Veterans' Association to hold its 1951 convention in Boston.

There are many places of historic interest that are closely identified with the birth and growth of our nation in Boston and its immediate vicinity. In addition, excellent travel, hotel and entertainment facilities are available.

I feel certain that if you choose to come to Massachusetts, your stay here will be a most pleasant one.

Sincerely,



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Other evidence that Neil has been hard at work is shown in the letter from Mayor John B. Hynes, Mayor of Boston, in which he says in part, "As Mayor of Boston I wish to extend a most cordial invitation to the 24th Infantry Division Veterans' Association to hold its 1951 meeting in Boston . . . I do hope we may have the pleasure of serving as your hosts for 1951, and you may be certain that I shall do all I can personally to help make your meeting pleasant and successful, and one that your group will long remember.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) J. R. Hynes
Mayor"

This Headquarters received a most cordial invitation from the Convention Bureau of the Boston Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Robert W. Breed in his letter from the Chamber described the excellent facilities and scenic beauty of this seacoast city.

There may be other bids for the Convention, Mr. Vice President, so be sure you bring the whole New England group with you to back up your Governor, Mayor, and Chamber of Commerce! These New England members certainly have the spirit,—bless 'em.

ADDRESSES OF FORMER 24TH DIVISION MEN DESIRED

From time to time we have requests for the addresses of former 24th men of whom we have no record. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the following, please notify the person inquiring and also this Headquarters:

HARRIS, from "G" Company, 21st. Originally from Roxboro or Greensboro, North Carolina. Notify Arthur Maybaum, 1018 West 65th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

McCOLL, GEORGE R., formerly Division Headquarters Company from either North or South Carolina. Notify this Headquarters.

MARETT, O. S., Red Cross Division Headquarters. Please notify this Headquarters.

SKUN, VERNON E., last address 28th Surgical Hospital, APO 923, San Francisco, California. Notify Pfc. Jack D. Morrow, Anti-Tank Company, 34th Infantry, 24th Division, APO 24, c/o PM, San Francisco, California.

THOMSON, JOHN (Jock) P., last address 1090 Marlborough, Detroit, Michigan, formerly with the 34th Infantry. Notify Lawrence S. Weiss, 110 Church Street, Woodbridge, New Jersey.

WHITE, CPL. ROBERT B., formerly Co. "C", 30th Engineer Base, Topo. Bn. Notify Lee Maddox, 1111 Madison Avenue, New York City 28, New York.

COMMITTEES WORKING ON CONVENTION

Following is the list of various committees working out plans for the Convention:

Registration—Ed Wiegman, Bob Silvers, Neil Reed.

Chicago Publicity—George Condes, Bob Silvers.

Trophy Committee—Spike O'Donnell, Colonel Postlethwait.

Radio-Television Tickets—Attorney Thomas Compere.

Banquet Photographs—Spike O'Donnell.

Banquet Table—Colonel Max N. Cizon.

DUES !!!—William V. Davidson, Robert J. Duff, and a Staff of Secretaries.

"CHILDREN OF YESTERDAY" AVAILABLE

The book, "Children of Yesterday" by Jan Valtin (Richard Krebs) is available at any Doubleday and Dorn bookstore, and also through the Infantry Journal.

A gullible man is one who thinks that his daughter has been a good girl when she comes home from a trip with a Gideon Bible in her handbag.

—Exchange

And then there was the gal they called "switchboard" because when she walked, all her lines were busy.

NOTIFY SPIKE IMMEDIATELY IF YOU ARE ATTENDING

All members and non-members who will attend the convention are asked to notify Spike O'Donnell.

We know you sent the reservation card to the Morrison but it will make it easier on the Committee if you will notify Spike as well as the hotel. The committee must make reservations for the Banquet, so let it know soon. Remember—your wife will eat too—

HONORABLE MENTION FOR YOUNG LADIES BEHIND THE SCENES

You guys may not realize it, but this and other Conventions are not possible without the aid of the fairer sex. Letters have to go out, Taro Leaves are to be printed, and we have to have beautiful receptionists to greet you at the Convention.

We cannot let the year go by without mentioning the wonderful assistance we have received from these young ladies this year and to thank them for their help last year.

During the past year Miss Elizabeth Lipovsky, has taken care of most all of the correspondence of the Association Headquarters. Each day as inquiries came in, she answered them, and forwarded Taro Leafs to you boys who wrote in about the 24th Assn. Elizabeth can probably call all of you by name after addressing four issues of the paper and writing to many of you frequently.

Another young lady who helped the Chicago Committee is Sandra Grady, able assistant to Spike. She takes care of Spike's correspondence, and got out the issues of the Chicago Convention Committee Bulletin, and many letters to members.

Our old friend Ed Henry, past president, past secy., and standby also has a lovely wife who always has the Assn. at heart. When you walk into the Morrison you will see a white flag upon which is a Taro Leaf. This is the work of Mrs. Henry,—and Ed.

Thanks loads to these gals and any others who have helped with the progress we have made.

DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES!!

Many of you fellows have no doubt overlooked the fact that you have not yet paid your 1949-50 dues. It is easy to let it slip by, but stop right now, and forward your two bucks.

In order to keep the Assn. going as you like things to go, and in order to continue with the Taro Leaf it is imperative that we have money in the Treasury.

75% of the dues paid in the past six months has been from NEW MEMBERS, and the old Members have been slipping as far as money is concerned.

In order to get out this issue of the TARO LEAF, we had to enlist the aid of a few members of the Assn. We thank them for their help and know each and everyone of you do.

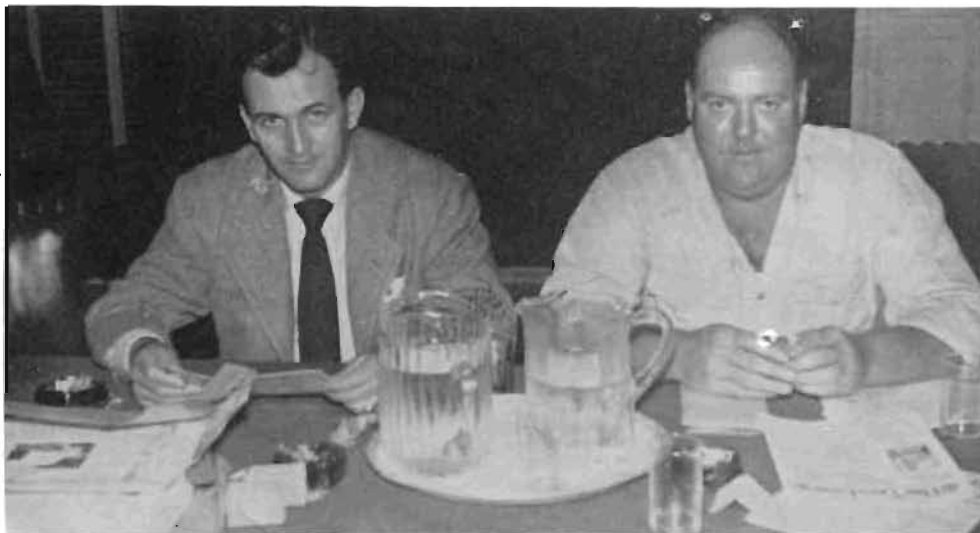


Typical Scene of the 24th Infantry Division Now in Action



PRESENT AT THE "CHICAGO ROUND-UP"

Outside Parlor 'F' after the recent Chicago Round-Up Meeting on 8 July 50, are from left to right: Ross W. Pursifull, Attorney Thomas H. Compere, of Chicago, and George Condes, Whiting, Ind.



CONVENTION COMMITTEE GENERAL CHAIRMAN

Pictured above are James M. "Spike" O'Donnell, Convention Chairman, and Arthur "Tiny" Maybaum, Chicago Convention Committee Chairman.

NOTICE!!!

In the past Taro Leaves have been sent to members who were delinquent in the hope that they would soon pay their dues. We hoped that the Taro Leaf would remind them that they did owe. In the future **ONLY PAID UP** members will receive the Taro Leaf since the Assn. can not afford to have papers printed with no revenue coming in. If you want to receive a Taro Leaf pay up!

SEND IN CONTRIBUTIONS OR PHOTOS ANYTIME.

CHICAGO AWAITS—CONT.

has offered this for our Trophy Room this year.

The individual units may hold meetings on Friday and Saturday, preferably when they do not interfere with the Association meetings.

We are hoping that the officials of the Chicago Fair will designate Sunday, the 13th as 24th Division Day at the Fair. Mayor Kennelly of Chicago was contacted and it was requested of him that he issue a proclamation making the 11th or 12th of August, 24th Division Day in Chicago. The result of this decision, as of now, has not reached this Headquarters.

If we had more space we would tell you more, BUT THE BEST WAY TO FIND OUT IS TO BE THERE!!!

24TH AGAIN IN ACTION

Again, as it did in 1941, when the enemy attacked a free people, our famed 24th Infantry Division went into action. The 24th was the first to see action on December 7th, 1941, and the first to be committed this year in Korea.

We know that all former 24th Division men are filled with pride at the courage our successors in the 24th have been showing now in Korea. We admire them more when we stop to realize the great odds they have been up against. First, they are fighting barbarians. Secondly, they were apparently not fully equipped for such a war as they have been engaged in since early July. They have done a swell job in holding off the enemy until more troops and supplies could be made available. Let us hope that sufficient material, equipment, and men are on the way, and arrive in plenty of time to clean up the whole affair once and for all. We ask God's Blessing on the 24th Division and on all the other Divisions and Units now in the Far East. They are engaged in a bloody struggle defending the Freedom we so dearly love and shall always have!

According to latest reports, there is little hope that Major General William F. Dean will be found. General Dean was last seen with a bazooka unit in Taejon. The Guerillas finally won Taejon July 21st after a costly attack. Our deepest sympathy goes to Mrs. Dean. The Association has forwarded a letter of condolence to Mrs. Dean in Japan.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Getting out this paper is no picnic. If we print jokes, some say they are silly, if we don't we are too serious. If we don't print contributions, they say we don't appreciate genius,—if we do the paper's full of junk, and if we make changes in them, we are too critical; if don't make changes, we are asleep. Some will say we swiped this from another paper . . . We did!

Seriously, it has been fun and I have enjoyed every minute of the time spent as your Secretary. I have enjoyed working with the other Officers of the Association.

Receiving so many, many letters and cards from the fellows I know and from the great number I did not know personally was most encouraging. I only wish I could have written each and everyone a long letter explaining what we are looking forward to, but time did not permit in most cases.

We did, however, answer every inquiry we received and forwarded each one who wrote a Taro Leaf if there were any on hand. If you were missed it was an oversight.

There were times when we were not so sure the "Taro Leaf" was even coming out, with stenographic help limited and business taking up so much time. Nevertheless it was fun and we did get out the four issues!

The best of luck to all of you and here's hoping to see you in Chicago.

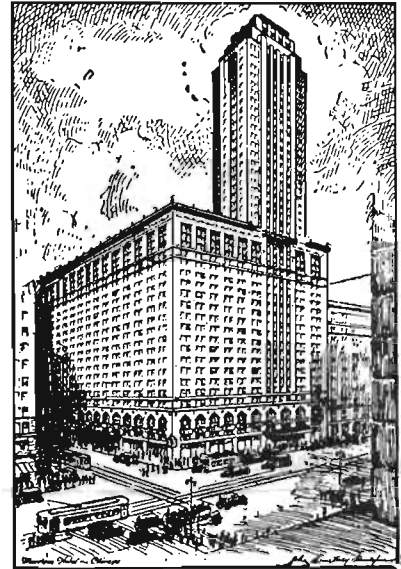
Don't forget to say a little prayer for your heroic successors now in Korea.

Robert J. Duff.

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A firm wrote the following letter to the War Manpower Board:

"We shall be glad if you can assist us in retaining this man a little longer. He is the only man left in the firm, and is carrying on with fifteen girls."

—Jester

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BILL DAVIDSON SEZ:

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PAY YOUR DUES.

**THIS ISSUE OF THE TARO LEAF WAS MADE POSSIBLE
BY THE FOLLOWING 24th DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERS**

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 "Better be there,
 we're ready for you."
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